

Nationals' New First Baseman Plays Initial Game Against Boston Wednesday

GANDIL TO ADOPT NATIONAL UNIFORM NEXT WEDNESDAY

Washington Wins Montreal First Baseman Against Four Other Teams.

COST LOCAL CLUB FULLY \$15,000

Becker, Akers, and Cunningham Leave for International League Immediately.

John Henry Is Sent To Amherst to Look At Pitcher Vernon

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Plays Bag Well. "I saw Gandil play against Toronto yesterday," said Griffith this morning on his return from Montreal. "He didn't hit any yesterday, but he certainly knows how to play the bag, believe me. I never saw a youngster look any better around that first corner. He handles himself like a veteran. While I don't care to say outright that he'll do, I do say that he has a better chance to make good in fast company than any young first baseman I ever saw."

"I have had to pay a big price for this fellow, I guess the highest ever paid by a Washington club, but I think I have got the goods. If you get the right men, you generally have to pay the right price. I want every one to know, too, that the Washington club is ready and willing to pay good money for the players it wants. The old days in Washington were the days when the league derelicts always drifted to the Capital for smaller sums than I have paid for Gandil, but even then four times too great for their real worth."

Not Through Digging. "I am not through digging up good, likely players, either. I expect to find several other promising young players for this club, and I shall not hesitate to arrange deals to get them."

The relative cost of Gandil and other players purchased by the Washington club in recent years may be seen readily when it is recalled that Elberfeld and Conroy cost \$5,000 each when bought from the New York club. Bill Cunningham cost \$3,500 when purchased from the New Bedford club in 1910. Gandil costs the Nationals more than Johnny McGraw paid for Rube Marquard and more than Connie Mack paid for Lefty Russell. In his search for a capable, hitting outfielder, Griffith commissioned Jack Ryan and Mike Martin to go to Jersey City yesterday and watch Murphy, Baltimore's right gardener, in action. Murphy is hitting around .400 with the Orioles, but Jack Dunn is willing to part with him if he can have Ray Morgan, the Nationals' substitute infielder. He believes he needs Morgan to bolster up his infield, and if he can get him, he will use him at third base. Some action is expected in this deal in a day or so.

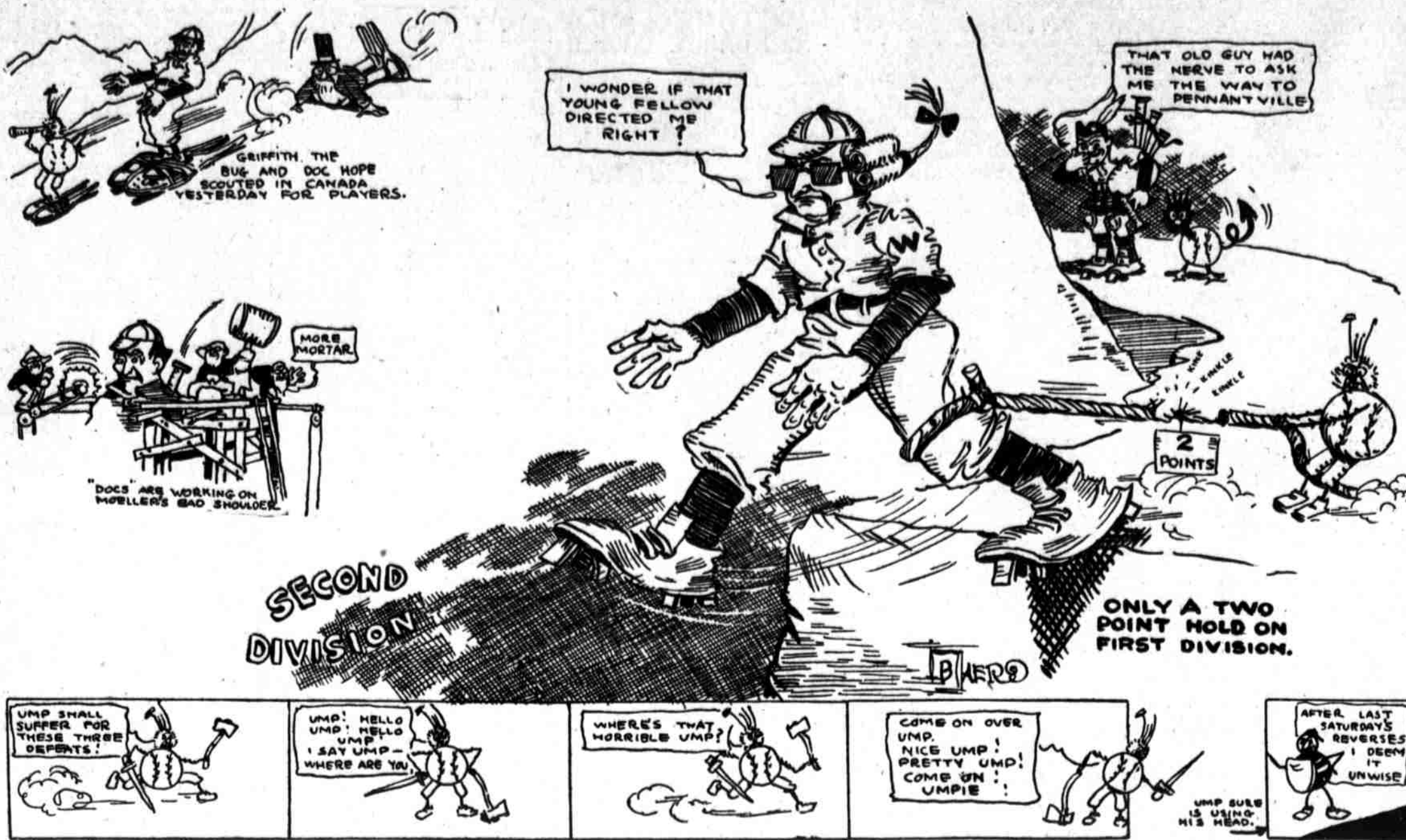
United States League. Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburgh	16	5	.762
Reading	12	6	.667
Richmond	9	8	.529
Chicago	9	9	.500
Cincinnati	7	8	.467
Washington	6	7	.462
Cleveland	4	9	.308
New York	2	14	.125

Yesterday's Results. Cincinnati 4, Washington 2. (Exhibition).

Games Today. Cincinnati at Washington. St. Louis at Richmond. Pittsburgh at Reading. Chicago at New York.

If the Rope Breaks the Nationals Will Fall, and Down Comes Doc Hope, Ball Bugs, and All



ALL IN READINESS FOR WRESTLING AT GAYETY TONIGHT

Americus vs. Perrelli, Turner vs. Evans, and Montano vs. Jordan.

"All is ready-go!" With these words uttered from the lips of E. Lawrence Phillips, official announcer of the Washington baseball team, who will act in that capacity at the huge wrestling carnival at the Gayety Theater tonight, one of the most attractive mat events of the season will be started. Gus Schoenlein, better-known to followers of the wrestling game as Americus, who is challenger of Frank Gotch, heavyweight champion of the world, will take the center of the stage against John Perrelli, an Italian athlete of much repute. This is touted as the feature event of the evening, and consequently much interest is centered there. Of perhaps more importance to Washingtonians is the bout scheduled between Joe Turner, who is a Capital product, and Walt Evans, of Knoxville, Tenn. Turner and Evans are rivals of old, they having met three times during past seasons. The Washingtonian would like to see the outcome of the match, but in the last contest, Evans protested one of the decisions, and the fourth meeting between them is the result. The third event of the carnival is between Louis Montano, the Italian middleweight, and Chris Jordan. Par O'Connor will referee the events, and Al Machler will hold the watch. In all probability tonight's carnival will mark the final appearance of Joe Turner in the National Capital during the present season. He has one or two bouts scheduled for out-of-town, among them being a go with John Klions at Governorsville, N. Y., on Decoration Day. This is a return match for the recent fight between these wrestlers held at the Gayety Theater. The wrestling season, embracing the winter months of 1911 and 1912 have probably been the most successful of any in his career. In Washington he has taken on all comers, many of them being much over his weight, and his success against these athletes has served to increase his popularity with fans.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	26	9	.743
Boston	21	11	.656
Washington	16	17	.485
Philadelphia	14	15	.483
Detroit	16	17	.483
Cleveland	14	17	.449
New York	11	19	.367
St. Louis	10	22	.312

Yesterday's Results. St. Louis 5, Cleveland 1. Detroit 6, Chicago 2.

Games Today. Washington at New York. St. Louis at Cleveland. Philadelphia at Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Standing of the Clubs.

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	24	6	.800
Cincinnati	22	8	.687
Pittsburgh	18	14	.563
Chicago	15	17	.469
St. Louis	16	21	.432
Philadelphia	12	16	.429
Boston	12	21	.364
Brooklyn	9	20	.310

Yesterday's Results. Pittsburgh 3, Chicago 1. St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 4.

Games Today. Cincinnati at Chicago. Boston at Philadelphia. New York at Brooklyn.

LAST FEW DAYS HAVE BEEN STRENUOUS FOR THE NATIONALS

Fans Expected Team to Win at Least Four Out of Five.

Old Doc Hope crept into the Nationals' camp last night. His travel-stained condition and his dilapidated old hat showed that he had been through an experience seldom worse. His cool, hardy register at the hotel, and had to be assisted to the desk by Herman Schaefer and Tom Hughes. "These last few days have been frightful in Washington," he groaned. "and I just had to come up and join you fellows. When you left for the big town, we all thought that four out of five would be about the story here. Now, unless I take my old seat on the bench and cheer you along, you'll be lucky to get one out of five."

Schaefer Makes Promises. "Here in New York we have bumped against two real pitchers in Ford and Warhop, good enough to win from any old team. And we have lost, that's all. But baseball always gives the other fellow a chance, and today we're the fellow. With you on our bench at the Hilltop today I don't really see how we can lose. Doc, just because you are here, as a special tribute to you and your many friends, I am going to make four hits, not all singles, either, but some of them doubles, and maybe triples."

Wants a Winner. "I want a winning team," said Griffith. "There's no reason on earth why you fellows can't go out there and win ball games the way the other fellows do. I don't blame you when the breaks are against you, but I want everybody on his toes all the time, ready to take advantage of the breaks when they come our way."

"I won't stand for any slovenly ball playing on the field. I want you in the game all the time, wide awake to beat the other fellow whenever the opportunity comes." Moeller injured himself a little more seriously than was expected in Saturday's game at the Hilltop. He thinks he may not be able to play for a week or so, judging from the pain his shoulder gives him. It is possible that he may be allowed to go to his home in Chicago and rest until the Nationals land there on June 5. Moeller gave his shoulder a bad tear when he jumped into that bag," said Griffith.

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Big League Hitters of a Day

Player-Team	AB.	H.	TB.	Pct.
Becher, Reds	3	3	4	1.000
Koefe, Reds	1	1	1	1.000
Mattick, Sox	1	1	1	1.000
Jackson, Nats	2	2	2	.909
Evans, Cardinals	2	2	2	.909
Houser, Cardinals	2	2	2	.909
Zelder, Sox	2	2	2	.909
Schulte, Cubs	2	2	2	.909
Bliss, Cardinals	2	2	2	.909
Stanage, Tigers	2	2	2	.909
Stovall, Browns	2	2	2	.909
Compton, Browns	2	2	2	.909
Austin, Browns	2	2	2	.909

Mike Martin, the estimable trainer, to the writer today. "At other times he has just wrenched it slightly, never so bad as this last time. He tore the muscle away from the bone, and must have complete rest, if he would be of any use to the team inside of a month."

How Sunday Was Spent. With Manager Griffith away at Montreal looking at "Chick" Gandil in action, the Climbers' camp resembled a grave yard yesterday. It was a beautiful day, a bit too cool for surf bathing, and the players spent it to suit their individual selves. Billy Fowler, Dan Moeller, and Eddie Foster went over to Jersey City and saw the Baltimore club mix it up with the Skeeters.

In the evening Bob Unglaub showed up at the hotel and fanned with some

Have Been Up Against Ford and Warhop, Among Best in League.

of the boys. Unglaub has been released by Jack Dunn, manager of the Baltimore Orioles, who told him his club was no old man's home. Unglaub didn't have much to say, and spoke only for about three hours and seven minutes, a short time for him. Losing his opportunity to break into the limelight in Brooklyn, Joe Engel may receive his baptism of fire against the Red Sox. Griffith is going to be hard up for pitchers, with six games in four days, and may have to call on Engel, Becker, and Cashin in order to get through the schedule. "I'll take a chance," says Engel. "I know I'm no world-beater, but I'm willing to go in there and do the best I can. I don't think I'm yellow, and I won't quit, no matter what happens to me. They can't do anything but hammer me to all the corners of the field, can they? If Manager Griffith wants to use me, I'm ready."

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Keating Reported to Be Signed With Yankees

NEW YORK, May 27.—The Yankees are reported to have acquired Pitcher Keating, of the Lawrence New England League team, who pitched a no-hit, no-run game against Worcester on Saturday. He will join Wolverton's men in September, according to the report.

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